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NOVEL-STREPTOCOCCUS THERMOPHILUS STRAINS PRODUCING STABLE HIGH-

MOLECULAR-MASS EXOPOLYSACCHARIDES

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On page 1 of the Specification, after the Title of the Invention and before the Field of the

Invention statement starting on line 1, please insert the following section:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application

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On page 42 before Claim 1, please amend as follows:

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS: CLAIMS

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